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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/769,926	Applicant(s) ROH ET AL.	
	Examiner Harry B. Tanner	Art Unit 3744	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korean reference 2002-0047618 in view of Liebenow et al. Korean reference 2002-0047618 discloses the invention substantially as claimed. Korean reference 2002-0047618 discloses a client pad 10 for a refrigerator with a touch screen that can communicate with the refrigerator 1 in either a wired or a wireless mode of operation. Liebenow teaches the use of a means to automatically switch between wireless and wired-based communication based upon the state of the wired connection. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the system of Korean reference 2002-0047618 such that it included the use of means to automatically switch between wireless and wired-based communication based upon the state of the wired connection in view of the teachings of Liebenow.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korean reference 2002-0047618 in view of Liebenow et al as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Roh et al (6,644,046). Roh et al (6,644,046) teaches connection of a refrigerator to the internet. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the system of Korean reference

2002-0047618 such that it included connection of the refrigerator to the internet in view of the teachings of Roh et al (6,644,046).

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korean reference 2002-0047618 in view of Liebenow et al as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Korean reference 2002-0030222. Korean reference 2002-0030222 teaches connection of a refrigerator to home network. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the system of Korean reference 2002-0047618 such that it included connection of the refrigerator to home network in view of the teachings of Korean reference 2002-0030222.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry B. Tanner whose telephone number is (571) 272-4813. The examiner can normally be reached 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Melba Bumgarner, can be reached on (571) 272-4709. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

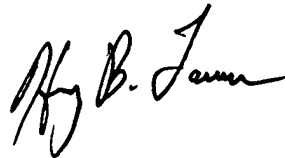
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry B. Tanner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Harry" and last name "Tanner" clearly distinguishable.

Harry B. Tanner
Primary Examiner
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